

Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

February 2007

2007 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum "4-H Boundless Horizons"

Call for Workshop Proposals – District 2 will be hosting the 2007 Montana 4-H Leaders Forum in Havre on Oct 5-8. Anyone interested in presenting a workshop is encouraged to fill out an application and send it in. If you know of someone else who might also be interested, please pass this invitation along. The one page application form is available at the Gallatin County Extension Office by calling 388-3213. The submission deadline is March 30, 2007.

2007 Montana State Fair Junior Livestock Show information:

Nominations for Steers are due February 28, Lambs and Hogs May 15. Hard copy of nomination forms are available now, available via internet soon, check <www.montanastatefair.com>. Exhibitors may nominate the same animals as were/are submitted on County Intent to Enter Forms and then decide at entry time which animal(s) to take to which show. County assigned ear tags and/or numbers are acceptable for nomination. Photo of animal clearly showing ear tag required with completed nomination. Exhibitors may show multiple animals of any offered species. Sale is optional for non-champions and exhibitors may sell one animal. Fair entries due July 6. Show dates will be August 1 through 5; detailed schedule yet to be determined. For additional information or to request nomination forms, contact Montana State Fair.

Beginning Beekeeping Workshop at Montana State University

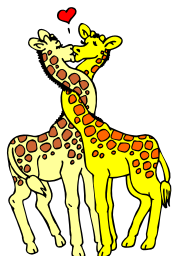
New beekeepers, including youth, can learn how to get started in beekeeping during a workshop Saturday Feb. 10 at Montana State University. MSU and the Montana Department of Agriculture will present a beginning beekeeping workshop that day, which will include how to over-winter hives and how to control mites, among other topics. The program also includes honey tasting. Speakers include Dick Molenda of Western Bee Supplies in Polson, who will demonstrate beekeeping equipment and discuss suitable locations for hives. David Baumbauer, a hobby beekeeper, will describe how to install package bees, and Patty Denke, state entomologist with the Department of Agriculture will discuss pests, diseases and regulations. Denke is responsible for Montana's apiary program. The beekeeping sessions run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room 108 of the Plant BioScience Building (formerly known as Ag BioScience Building). The Plant BioSciences building is the first building on the right as you approach the MSU campus from the north on 11th Avenue. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 18 and under. **Registration is due by Feb. 5** and is limited to 50 people. Registration information is available on the internet at <http://ag.montana.edu/plantgrowth>. Click on the hobby beekeeping link. For more information call David Baumbauer, director of the MSU Plant Growth Center at (406) 994-2231 or e-mail him at baumbauer@montana.edu.



2nd Annual Photo Contest

Second Annual 4-H "Learn by Doing" photo contest deadline: May 1, 2007

Get out your cameras and start clicking! Thanks to everyone who helped get the 4-H photo contest off the ground last year. The entries (with photographer permission) have already helped tell the story of 4-H to the public in posters, newspaper articles, Web pages and publications. In the first contest, youth submitted photos that captured the "learn by doing" spirit by showing 4-H'ers doing everything from feeding livestock to sewing quilts, making cinnamon rolls. But there are hundreds of projects and other 4-H activities to show off. We'd love to see more entries that catch kids involved in 4-H activities, especially with a teen or adult mentor. Youth can enter photos from 4-H photography projects as long as they adhere to the contest rules. But any young person under 18 can enter even if they are not in 4-H, as long as their photo depicts a 4-H youth "learning by doing." Because we would like to publish the winners and retain entries to help promote Montana 4-H, we ask photographers to provide model releases from people pictured. For complete rules contact the Gallatin County Extension Office at 388-3213 or 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade (Located in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2, downstairs).



Summer Fun in Bozeman



Summer Fun in Bozeman is returning to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds June 16th & 17th, 2007. Remember how much fun you had at the horse show last year? Well, this year we expect it to be even bigger and better. We have added classes for the **“Colt to Maturity”** participants which include: 1 & 2 year old halter, lunge line and Trail in Hand. **APHA** members - come show your paint horses in the **APHA Specialty Show!** We have reduced entry fees for 4-H members and many High Point awards to be awarded at the end of the show. Plan on attending the **“Luau Dinner”** on Saturday Night for good food and fun! We will be giving awards to the Clubs who collect the most items towards show prizes and/or monetary donations and program ads. All proceeds go directly to the Horse Committee for educational clinics and fair high points. So get out and collect donations and start working on your tan

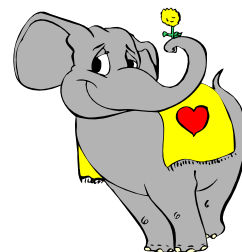
for the **“Summer Fun in Bozeman Open Horse Show”!** For more information contact Christine Holland @ 388-0829 or Maria Jerome @ 388-0849 or any 4-H Horse Committee member.

Scholarships:

Attention Seniors!!! Are you thinking of college? Contact our office for these scholarship applications.

FRANK AND VERA DONEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Frank and Vera Doney Scholarship was established in December 2005 and will be available for distribution at the 2007 4-H Awards Banquet in September. This scholarship was made possible through a generous donation by Ellis and Bette Doney, Robert and Kathy Doney, and Arlene Doney Weppner in memory of Frank and Vera. Eligible applicants must be seniors in high school, enrolled in Gallatin County 4-H, and planning to study an agriculturally related major in higher education. Interested 4-H members may apply for the \$500 award through the county awards application process in July/August.



MONTANA AGRI-BUSINESS

Scholarship will be awarded to a 4-H member interested in a college education who has a special interest in Ag business. Montana Turkey Growers, a growers' cooperative that no longer exists, originally provided funds. Deadline: May 1

MONTANA MEAT PROCESSORS

The Montana Meat Processors Association (MMPA) has established an annual scholarship in cooperation with the Montana 4-H Foundation. This scholarship will assist an individual with an interest/background in meat science that will be attending a college or university. Deadline: May 1

MONTANA WHEAT & BARLEY COMMITTEE

In conjunction with the Montana Wheat & Barley Committee, this scholarship is offered to 4-H members who have done outstanding work in bread baking, or similar projects utilizing grains and grain products (such as use of grains with a livestock project), or project work in the crop science area. Deadline: May 1

DOUGLAS A. DEAR MEMORIAL

This scholarship was established as a memorial to Doug Dear, an instrumental contributor to the Montana 4-H Horse Program. The scholarship will assist an individual with an interest or background in the 4-H Horse Project who will be attending a college or university. Deadline: May 1

N.A. JACOBSEN

Applicant must be a junior or senior enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Montana State University-Bozeman who is interested in a career with the MSU Extension Service. Memorial funds given by family and friends of N.A. Jacobsen. Deadline: May 1

MURDOCH'S SCHOLARSHIP

Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply has established a scholarship for Montana high school students who have demonstrated a dedication to 4-H and to the ideals of leadership, responsibility, and integrity. They will also be evaluated based on their academic achievement, their service and involvement with 4-H, and their contributions to community service. Deadline: May 1

NILE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

Ten scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to applicants selected by NILE. Two of the 10 will be awarded in memory of NILE members, Diane Walborn and Carol Walter. Applicants must have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) 2.5 or equivalent, must have participated in NILE activities, and/or be currently enrolled in a 4-H or FFA Program, and must be graduating high school senior planning to attend a two or four year college, university or vocational school in the year 2007. An application is available at the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office and is due in the NILE office no later than April 3, 2007.

**WILD WEST WINTERFEST ~ 'Experience the West'
February 16 - 18, 2007 (Presidents' Day Weekend)**

Admission* \$4 Single Day - \$9 Three-Day Pass *Special ticketed events will include admission to the WinterFest.

Events being planned for the 2007 Wild West WinterFest:

~ Ag in the Classroom ~ All Breed Horse Sale ~ All Star Dog Expo ~ Battle of the Breeds ~ Bob Munden - "The Fastest Man with a Gun Who Ever Lived" ~ Bootleggers' Ball with "Nite Ride" ~ Brandon Cash - "A Tribute to Johnny Cash" ~ Children's Art Show ~ Chili Cook-off ~ Commercial Exhibitors' Booths - "Frontier Mercantile" ~ Dog Conformation & Pet Tricks ~ Dog Keg Pull ~ Elk Bugling Contest ~ Hay Show ~ Hockey Tournament ~ Kids Activities ~ Miniature Bull Riding ~ Old McLien's Farm Barn ~ Packers' Scramble ~ Parade of Stallions ~ Photography Show ~ Quilt Show ~ Free Style Ski Show & Rail Jam ~ Tack Swap Sale & Auction ~ Vigilante Dinner Theater presenting "Chapeau" ~ Whiskey Tasting ~ Working Horse & Driver Competition ~ Sweetheart Fur & Feather Show



Sweetheart Fur & Feather Show

The Gallatin County 4-H Rabbit and Poultry project kids are hosting their annual Youth "Sweetheart Fur and Feathers Show" and Animal & Supply Auction at the Gallatin County Fairground's Wild West WinterFest on Saturday, February 17, 2007. The poultry and rabbit shows will run concurrently beginning at 9 am. We will stop in the morning and do the live auction of quality show and/or breeding stock. Anyone looking for a good quality rabbit or bird for their project or even a cage to house or carry the animal is welcome. Prices are usually very reasonable. Anyone who wants to put items in the auction is welcome. We limit the amount of animals to two per member. If you want to sell more animals just put a sign on your cages up in the viewing area. Please give us a list of your auction items when you turn in your registration. There also will be a raffle of supplies and crafts related to rabbits and chickens. The raffle drawing will be at 3:00 pm. At noon we will take a short break and then continue the judging. At 2 pm we will begin poultry showmanship. Classes will be divided according to age. Anyone wanting to learn how to show a bird can ask a local 4-Her for pointers before the showmanship classes start. At 3 pm there will be a rabbit derby where we race rabbits. We have a special box/tunnel and blow through straws to make the bunnies move. There will be extra bunnies for people to borrow so they can join in the fun. Come join us for a day of fun!!

Rabbit Questions:

Brenda Townsend 284-6434

Kelly Phipps 599-1454 or

cksrabbitry@bresnan.net

Deadline for Entries is February 1, 2007.

As a friendly reminder, all exhibitors over the age of 10 are required to have a Wild West WinterFest Admission Ticket. Advanced sale admission tickets will be available for \$4 for a one-day ticket or \$9 for a 3-day ticket at the Fairgrounds Office anytime before February 17.

Poultry Questions:

Sandra Fiegi 388-6906

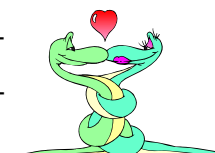
Betsy Heckel 388-7578 or

betsyheckel@aol.com



Children's Art Show

Do you have wonderful, fun, beautiful art projects that have been created by artists from ages 2 to 16? If so, we invite you to display them at the 2007 Wild West WinterFest Children's Art Show. This is the fourth year for this event and hope the show will give your children an opportunity to show their talent to our community! This year the WinterFest Committee is concentrating on putting the "WEST" into the Wild West WinterFest. We would like to create not only a western event, but also a western atmosphere throughout the exhibit buildings and the grounds. We are encouraging western-type artwork along with any and all other types of artwork. For complete rules and entry information, contact the Gallatin County Fairgrounds at 582-3270 or the 4-H Extension Office at 388-3213.



Photography Show

Have you taken some wonderful, fun, beautiful photos you would like to display for the world to see? If so, we invite you to bring them to the 2007 Wild West WinterFest Open Photography Show. This is the fifth year for this event and we hope the show will give you an opportunity to show your talent to our community! This year the WinterFest Committee is concentrating on putting the "WEST" into the Wild West WinterFest. We would like to create not only a western event, but also a western atmosphere throughout the exhibit buildings and the grounds. We are encouraging people to bring in their western-type photographs. We will have a separate area to display the Western photos. For complete rules and entry information, contact the Gallatin County Fairgrounds at 582-3270 or the 4-H Extension Office at 388-3213.

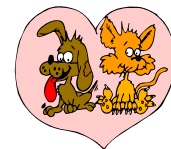


Crochet, Embroidery, and Knitting Project

All future meeting are the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the conference room of Rocky Mountain Supply. We will be starting your Fair projects at the February 2007 meeting. Please bring all your supplies for what you would like to submit in the Fair to this meeting. If you need suggestions on patterns or materials, or have any questions, please contact Kelley at cksrabbity@bresnan.net, or call her at 599-1454.

Dog Obedience

The dog obedience project will begin on Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30 in building #3 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Bring your dog and any questions you may have. We will discuss what you have already learned and what you would like to learn.



Foods

We are going to try something a little different this year and have 4-H foods on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights: Mondays at 6:15 or so, Wednesdays at 5:15 and Fridays at 4:00 – 6:00. Parents can choose **any 1 of these times** to come. The first night will be Monday, February 5th and go until the first week of May. Each night will have two instructors; one will be doing more advanced foods and one doing more simple foods. We are covering appetizers to desserts and everything in between with a community service project and family dinner night celebration. There will be a charge \$25 for the full 10 weeks which is payable in full at the first meeting. If this is a financial hardship, scholarships are available to help cover the cost. Contact the 4-H office at 388-3213 for more details. This is a really good bargain for 2 hours of instruction and food for only \$2.50. We will not have class the week of March 12th, March 19th or April 9th.

Got Milk? Get a Goat!

Goats are a great 4-H Project! They need only a small pen, are a low cost item and desire lots of love and attention! Goats are animals that produce milk, which in turn becomes **another project**: goat milk, goat butter, goat cheese or even goat lotion. Get a goat and come join the **Gallatin County 4-H Goat Project** and have fun with the best **weed-eating** animals around! For more information please contact Bob Spring at 388-2358 or Christine Holland at 388-0829. **Got a Goat? Get one and Have FUN!!**



Horse

If you would like a camp spot reserved for the 2007 "Summer Days & Country Ways" Summer Fair on July 18-22, you need to call the Fairgrounds office at 582-3270 to put your name on the reservation list. Remember there are only so many spots and they will go fast. **For more information see page 8.**

GAMES ON HORSES: Play Day for all ages. The Gallatin Polo Club will be having a Fun Day on Saturday, March 24th at Circle L Arena. Lots of games and lots of fun. Bring the whole family and see if Mom & Dad would like to participate. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. For more information call Shannon Brooks at 581-7478.

HORSE COMMITTEE INFO: Horse Committee Members: Shannon Brooks, 388-0886; Misty Radue, 388-6655; Amy Lewis, 580-6693; Barb Barber 282-7030; Jeff Cooper, 388-1624; Edie Baker, 285-3657.

Horse Judging Clinic: February 10th in Butte with Joanie Kissock, will leave Bozeman/Belgrade at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact Barb Brewster at 587-1196.

Reining Ranch Clinic: March 10th from 9:00-1:00 at Kountz Arena, Levels 4 & up, clinic with Mike Hoffman. Pre-register with Misty Radue at 388-6655 by March 5th. There will be a \$10.00 charge for this clinic to cover expenses.

C2M: Sunday, February 11th, 1:00 p.m. at 610 3rd Ave. West in Three Forks. You will not need to bring your colt as you will be watching a movie. Please call & pre-register with Edie Baker at 285-3657.

Mark your calendars for the 2007 Clinics scheduled to date:

- April 15 - Tri Workshop - Fairgrounds
- April 28 - Gaming Workshop (Playday) - Fairgrounds
- May 5 - English / Western Clinic - Fairgrounds
- May 20 - Pre Fair - Circle L Arena
- June 7 - Record Books - Sale Barn - Fairgrounds
- June 16 - 17 - MSHSA Horse Show - Open to all - Fairgrounds



Watch your March newsletter for clinics and make-up clinics due to weather in March.

Photography

The next photography meeting will be Thursday, February 15, at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. 6:30 (note time change, again) for beginners, 7:30 for advanced. Remember to shoot in black and white!! Call Kathy 388-3159 if questions.

Poultry

We have new leaders in the poultry project! Shawna Oostema and Kelly Phipps are taking on that leadership role. Betsy Heckel will continue to assist with the program too. Come meet the new leaders in February at our regularly scheduled project meeting at 7:00 pm in the basement of Valley Bank on Monday February 5th. At this meeting we will work on showmanship and answer any questions about the Sweet Heart Fur and Feathers show coming up at Wild West Winterfest.

Rockin' Roosters club meeting will be at 6:00 the same day and place and we will finalize plans for the upcoming show. Hope to see all of you there!

Quilting

Our next quilting meeting will be Saturday, Feb 10, at 10 am. It will be a "catch-up day" so bring your unfinished projects to work on. If you have any questions, please call Sandra at 388-6906.

Rabbit

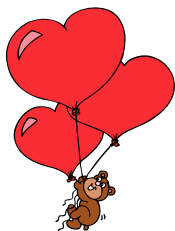
The February meeting will be the youth rabbit show at the Wild West WinterFest on Saturday, February 17th. We will begin at 9 a.m. at the Sale Pavilion at the Fairgrounds. There is a heater, so we will be there even if it is cold (but not a major blizzard)! At this show the rabbits will be judged but there will be no showmanship class for rabbits, only poultry. Rabbit lovers, come see the rabbit derby at 3 p.m. Just a reminder if you have something for the live auction or something you would like to contribute to the raffle please contact Brenda at 284-6434 or let us know on a separate piece of paper and send it in with your entry form. The more contributions we have the more fun it is! Please participate.



Sewing - Clothing & Textiles

February 14, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, February 17, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, February 27, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Valley Bank (Main Branch) in Belgrade, 98 N Broadway--basement

We will be continuing to work on your garment. If you have not already started on your garment, please remember: beginner sewing members need to limit themselves to either elastic-waist shorts, skirt or pajama bottoms using a medium-weight cotton or cotton/polyester woven, non-stretch fabric (flannel is okay). Other skill level members should pick a garment with at least one technique you have not done in the past. Please don't forget to bring: sewing machine, appropriate machine accessories (foot control, power cord, bobbins, extra machine needles, etc), extension cord, the appropriate amount of fabric (prewashed), pattern, notions listed on the pattern (thread, elastic, interfacing, etc) and sewing tools paper scissors, fabric scissors, fabric marking tool, tape measure, seam gauge, pins (preferably with heads) and seam ripper]. For any help picking your garment project, buying fabric or any questions, please call Janell Barber at 388-3091.



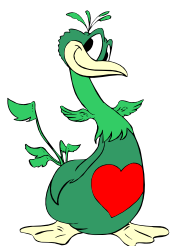
Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking Project: Our first meeting will be Monday, February 26th at 6:30 pm. We will be making a photo card so please bring 2-3 Photo's and \$1.00 for materials. Please RSVP by Saturday, February 25th. Elizabeth Cash 582-1702 or Janice Dewey 587-1418.

Historian Workshop: Join the scrapbooking project for some fun and creative ideas on starting your historian scrapbook off to the right start. Plus ideas on how to get organized now so you're not scrambling at the end of the year. Our first meeting will be on Monday, February 26th at 6:30 pm. Please bring 2-3 photos and \$1.00 for materials. RSVP by Saturday, February 24th. Elizabeth Cash 582-1702 or Janice Dewey 587-1418.

Sheep

Upcoming workshops. Remember you need three workshops in order to participate in the Summer Fair.



Feb 21st, 6:45 to 8:30 Belgrade Mackenzie River Pizza, this will be a get to know what you need for the project, sign a contract and meet new members. Please (RSVP) to the 4-H office, 388-3213. We need to pre order the pizza and it will be \$5.00 per person pay when you come. This workshop is also a great time to find out where to locate lambs.

March 10th, Ag Depot, 12:30 Feeds work shop. Garth will help you set up a feed program. Garth will also let you know what to look for when getting a lamb.

Kids: Remember if you have the dates free, get your workshops done early. Tagging date will be the last weekend in April this year so shop early. You do not have to have a carcass lamb. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Sheep Committee, Kim, Meg, Sally, Nancy, Robbie I. if you have questions call one of us.

Shooting Sports

Shooting sports workshops will continue Sunday's at Yellowstone Gateway Sports. 3-D archery is at 3:00 p.m. and will not be held Superbowl Sunday, February 4th. Regular archery, air rifle and air pistol will be held 5:00-6:00, 6:00-7:00 or 7:00-8:00.

February 11th is the last day to shoot for the postal match.

February 12th is the deadline for mailing entries for the state shooting sports match in Bozeman, March 2-4.

There will be no workshop February 18th. There will be a shooting workshop February 25th for practice for the state match at regular hours.

Questions, call Bill Ott at 209-2599.



Woodworking



Workshops will be held on the first Saturday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 at Rocky Mountain Furniture Shop. They are located across from Murdoch's, behind the strip mall.

Vet Science

Vet Science will be held February 20th at 6 p.m. at Double Diamond Vet (3801 Riata Rd.). We will have a special guest, Dr. Eric from the Animal Medical Center. He specialized in exotic pets. If you have any questions, call Shawna at 539-0895.



Montana 4-H Recreation Lab

April 20-22, 2007, Gallatin County Fair Grounds

Cost: \$75 per participant

Lodging: Holiday Inn Bozeman

Registration Due Date: March 30, 2007, will be available mid-February.

The schedule is packed full with exciting activities for both youth and adult participants beginning Friday evening at 7:00 pm with registration and a motivating opening session at the Gallatin County Fair Grounds. Saturday will be filled with lots opportunities to learn tips and tricks in a variety of different hands-on workshops. There will be a banquet and dance Saturday evening to celebrate another great Rec Lab. The event will close on Sunday morning at approximately 11:00 am after an inspiring reflection and exchange of ideas. A more detailed schedule including workshop descriptions will be made available as we get closer to the event. Learn tips and tricks for creating magical moments in your club, community, and county.



Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring a couple dollars for your meal. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 13, 2007.

Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council
January 09, 2007
MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade, MT

CALL TO ORDER: 6:40pm by President, Kathy Cheney.

ROLL CALL: Council members present were Kathy Cheney, Sandra Fiegi, Shay Fiegi, Chris Phipps, Kelley Phipps, Betsy Heckel, Todd Kesner, and Leia Miller. Guests present were Sonja Berg and William Chase.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: Sandra moved, seconded by Chris, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Shay moved, seconded by Betsy, that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried. Per Todd, the checking account is not accurately reflecting usable funds because of money coming in from Bar J Wrangler event and bills that need to be paid.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS: William Chase was present to present the Council with a fundraising opportunity called "Connecting the Heart of Bozeman" for \$25.00 per card. Out of that \$25.00, 75% would be kept as profit. The remaining 25% mostly is put back into other youth related activities William is involved with. For every 100 cards sold, we would receive one free card and can keep the profit from that card. He would need a decision by February 01, 2007, as this will go live in the month of February 2007 for all groups involved. These are coupon cards redeemable to local businesses.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sonja brought to the Council's attention that the rates for building use at the Fair Grounds have gone up. She also mentioned that there was bookkeeping problems. The money owed to the Fair Grounds is quite high and she wanted the Council to look into additional help besides working off that debt. Historically, building use was free.

COMMITTEE AND LEADER REPORTS:

- Legislative Breakfast: Todd was in need of a count of all persons attending.
- Christmas Tree Globes: Betsy brought pictures her father took and the tree and the globes look great! The Christmas Globe project was covered in the Belgrade and Chronicle Newspapers as well as on the Extensions home page. Sandra moved, seconded by Kelley that we look into doing the Globes again this winter. Motion carried.
- Montana 4-H Rec Lab: This is a three day instructional event for persons 14 years of age and older. This year Gallatin County will host the event on April 20-22, 2007. The registration fee is \$75.00 and includes lodging, meals, and registration.
- Bar J Wranglers: This even will be held at Wilson Auditorium on January 13, 2007. Doors open at 6:15 pm with the concert starting at 7:00 pm. There are only 11,200 seats available as opposed to the 12,000 that we were originally told there would be. Approximately 700 tickets have been sold and we have received approximately \$1,500.00 in sponsor money. At this point, we have broke even, and any other tickets sold or sponsorships received would be our profit. Approximately 10 teen volunteers to serve as ushers and adults to overlook them are needed.
- Leader's Social/Party: Todd will be bringing in the statistics received from this event to the next meeting. At this point, it appears people in attendance were pleased with the training provided.
- Fair Book Changes: Changes to the Fair Book are due in February 2007. There is a Fair Planning Committee Meeting on January 18, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

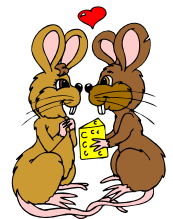
- Election of Unlimited Representative to serve on Gallatin 4-H Foundation Board: Betsy moved, seconded by Chris, that Kelley Phipps be the Unlimited Representative on the Foundation Board. Motion carried. Kelley moved, seconded by Leia, that Betsy Heckel become one of the Leader Representatives on the Foundation Board. Motion carried.
- MSU Food Grant: Sandra moved, seconded by Betsy, that we recommend the \$300.00 requested by the MSU Foods project to the Foundation for approval. Motion carried.
- Horse Judging Project Grant: Sandra moved, seconded by Shay, that we amend the Horse Judging Grant to \$400.00 requested to help cover workshop expenses in addition to the reasons already requested on the original grant. Motion carried. Sandra motioned, seconded by Chris, that we recommend the \$400.00 amended Horse Judging Grant to be approved by the Foundation. Motion carried.
- Film Project: MSU student would like to teach and include three 4-H members each from different age groups on a nature filming project. The only question was the time commitment required of the 4-H members.
- Scholarship Request: Pat Stackhouse will be heading to the Western Regional Leaders Forum held in Phoenix, AZ this year. She has funded her attendance to this event for the past eleven years. This year, Pat is receiving the National Volunteer award. The Council decided it would be nice to help her out any way they can. Sandra moved, seconded by Betsy, that we scholarship Pat \$950.00 (\$300.00 from the Western Regional Leader's Forum and \$650.00 from the State Leader's Forum accounts). Motion carried.
- Card Fundraiser: Betsy motioned, seconded by Sandra, that we go ahead with this fundraiser, and let individual clubs and projects decide if they would like to participate, and let Todd know by February 01, 2007. Motion carried. Sandra, Betsy, Kelley, and Leia will work on setting up a table at Wild West Winter Fest to promote these cards with the proceeds going to the Poultry and Rabbit projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- January 25, 2007 ~ Gallatin 4-H Foundation Winter Meeting
- February 12, 2007 ~ Horse Committee Meeting
- February 13, 2007 ~ Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
- March 31, 2007 ~ Gallatin 4-H Grant Application Deadline

ADJOURNED: Sandra moved, seconded by Betsy, that we adjourn at 8:23 pm. Motion carried.

Secretary: Leia Miller/klp



2007 COUNTY FAIR UPDATE FROM SUE SHOCKLEY, FAIR MANAGER

July seems like a long time off, but the Fair will be here before we know it. Each month between now and Fair time we will have a little update in your newsletter just to keep you up to date on what's happening.

The theme has been chosen – “Summer Days and Country Ways”. The button contest has ended and the button design will be chosen at the Feb. Fair Planning meeting. Anyone who would like to vote on the button design is encouraged to stop in the Fairgrounds office and vote before Feb. 22.

Parking: Last year RV and horse trailer parking was chaotic. This year we are going to try to mitigate some of chaos. **Anyone wishing to camp at the Fairgrounds during the Fair must call the Fairgrounds office (582-3270) and reserve your spot NOW.** There are a limited number of camping spots and they will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. This year everyone with a reservation will be required to come in and park their camper on Tuesday before the Fair opens. Check-in will be at the Horse Show Office between 6 and 9 pm. If you don't come in on that day, pay your camp fee, and park your RV, your space will be forfeited and given to the next person on the waiting list. There will be a flat fee of \$70 charged for the week.

We are also working on horse trailer parking and the congestion that occurred last year on check in day. If you have any suggestion we would love to hear from you. At this time, we are looking at limiting the number of horse trailers that would be allowed to remain on the grounds during the Fair to two per club. We are also looking at a one way entrance and exit on Wed. to help accommodate load in. We would like to hear your comments.

Be sure to watch for more County Fair News next month. Remember, everyone is invited to attend Fair Planning Meetings. The next one will be on Feb. 22 at 5:30 pm in the Fairgrounds Office.

Shoot the Moon - Photography Contest

Offering \$17,000 in cash prizes!

Moonlight Basin announces the first ever **Shoot the Moon Photography Contest** created to celebrate the natural beauty of Moonlight Basin, to support the photographic arts, and to promote the advancement of photographers taking part in the Moonlight Basin experience. This photo contest is open to ALL photographers at least 13 years of age with no divisions creating a level playing field for aspiring, amateur and professional photographers alike!

Photographers must enter a minimum of two images in one or more of the following categories;

Action: Skiing, riding, snowshoeing, hiking, dog sledding, etc. Capture the essence of outdoor activity at Moonlight Basin.

Family: Families come to Moonlight Basin to enjoy time together in a tremendous environment. We are looking for the essence of families interacting in truly special and unique ways.

Scenic: The raw beauty of Moonlight Basin is evident to those who visit or live here. Capture the distinctiveness of this physical landscape.

Social: People come to gather at Moonlight Basin. Friends, family, kids and adults- depict the scenes of life here at Moonlight.

Cash Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to two winning images in each category. Judges will also select one image as Overall Grand Prize. Award money of \$2,500.00 will be awarded to the winner in each category; \$500 will be awarded to the runner-up in each category. In addition, \$5,000 will be awarded to the Grand Prize winner.

For more information, go online at: <http://www.moonlightbasin.com/shootthemoon>

Manhattan Clever Clovers Community Service

The Manhattan Clever Clovers 4-H Club held a penny drive at Manhattan Elementary School, Manhattan Jr. High and Manhattan Christian Schools to raise money for the victims of the Derby and Jungle fires. Members of the club decorated jars to put in each classroom, as well as jars at some of the local Manhattan businesses. In about a week, a total of \$1,091.18 was raised for the cause. The winning classes received an ice cream party. We were very happy about the amount of money that we raised in this project.

Fundraising Opportunity for 4-H Clubs and Projects

Have you ever come home to discover a new phone book hanging on your door? Well somebody has to put them there and now you can be that somebody. Statewide Publishing will be distributing phone books in early February and they're looking for help. Interested 4-H groups will get a map, a supply of phone books, and a check for a job well done. Helpers get paid 22 cents per book or you can bag books for \$8.00 per hour. So the more books you deliver or bag, the bigger your fundraiser. If interested, call the Andrea as soon as possible at 406-924-6379 for all the details.

Bar J Wranglers Concert

The Gallatin County 4-H Leaders Council was proud to bring you an evening of laughter, musical pleasure, and good time entertainment. We sat back, left our busy life behind and settled into a time long ago – a time of the singing cowboy.

The Bar J Wranglers entertain 700 guests nightly, during the summer months, at the Bar J Chuckwagon in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The rest of the year is spent performing all over the world with their western music, stellar harmony and outrageous comedy for people of all ages. They have been heard at hundreds of conventions, city concerts, holiday parties and smaller venues. They have been featured on TNN with Roy Rodgers and Dale Evans and Randy Travis, as well as live performances on the Discovery Channel and the Travel Network. They have also recorded several CDs for your listening pleasure.

Gallatin County 4 H would like to thank our leaders and members who helped bring this event to you.

**A big THANK YOU all the donors and supporters
who helped make this concert the success it was!!!!**

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We hope to do this again next year. So if you missed this years concert, plan on attending next year.

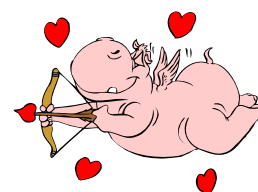
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The Wild West WinterFest Gate Help Needed

We are looking for help with our admission gates for WinterFest. The Fair Board will credit \$7.00 per hour, per person, for every gate shift worked. The hours that you or your group work, will be credited towards your current or future Fairgrounds rental fees account, or to an existing account with the Fairgrounds of your choosing. No cash payments will be made. There are various gate times available that you can sign up to work. Gate shifts begin as early as 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 9:00 p.m. Ticket booths are heated so don't let the weather scare you away (hopefully it will be warmer than last year)! There will be gate training offered again and it will be scheduled one evening the week prior to WinterFest. Anyone working a gate will be notified of the training date and time, and be asked to attend training, however it is not mandatory. **Call the Fairgrounds Office if you want to sign up for a gate shift at 582-3270.** For more information on WinterFest, please visit our website at: www.gallatin.mt.gov/fairgrounds.

Pictures Needed

Did your pig knock you down in the mud and you took a picture of it? Did your club visit a Senior Center and show off your projects to them and you took a picture of it? Did you make a beautiful quilt, woodworking project, or create a yummy dessert and you have a picture of yourself with it? We are always looking for fun pictures for newsletters and publications. If you have any pictures of yourself working on your project, your club meetings, activities or community service projects, or any other pictures reflecting 4-H that you would be willing to share with us, please bring them to our office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade or e-mail them to me at gallatin1@montana.edu. We can copy them and have them on file for future pamphlets, booklets, newsletters, and flyers. Please include the names of everyone in the picture. Pictures liven up publications and newsletters and make for much more interesting reading. We love publicizing 4-H through pictures.

Thanks for sharing with us,
Cyndi - Extension 4-H Secretary

